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Hampering 1,500 Children.

Philadelphia has built this past year new school houses sufficient to accommodate 4,000 children. Her school registration last year was 171,000, and her buildings were then seriously crowded. Meanwhile the registration has increased to 175,000. Obviously, the overcrowding has not been amelioriated in the least.

The lesson of this experience applies with special force to Washington. Our school accommodations are inadequate. To prevent seating children in corridors, the Board of Education has been forced to rent about seventy empty houses and convert them as best it could for school uses. Meanwhile about \$500,year for the construction of new buildings-and not a single new building has been completed in that period. Like Philadelphia, we have spent our money, but we have made no real progress.

Relief must come through sharper activity on the part of the District Building Department, and a report from the District School House Commission, with the least possible delay. Neither Congress nor the community meets its obligations to the children of the District when 1,500 of them are consigned to President, and a leader in many rented quarters, two-third or half adapted to school uses.

Wasting \$527,546 a Day.

Every day for the first six months of this year fire consumed \$527,546 worth of property.

That's a pretty big waste bill. But what do we care about it? The insurance companies pay most of it and, anyway, the loss isn't ours.

Well, the insurance companies do not eliminate the damage, however widely they distribute the loss, and the loss falls upon every owner of property and every rent-payer in the United States. For the insurance rate-which levies itself on every citizen whether he owns his Jewish Charities, a movement to house and pays direct or rents his house and pays through his landlord-is gauged with mathematical accuracy upon the average destruction of property through fire.

Better building, better building regulations, and better enforcement of those regulations would save twothirds of that \$527,546. That is the estimate of men whose lives are devoted to study of insurance. To be sure, we cannot obtain these henefits without higher cost to the landlord and higher rents. But it is believed the advance in cost would, for any reasonable period, be more than offset by the lesser rate of insurance. This is worth thinking about. It ought to make us of the District the readier to accept the new building regulations when they are announced this fall.

Stretching Life.

To a world that declines to be Oslerized comes new hope in the shape of a prediction by Dr. Wiley, the hitherto theoretical three score years and ten.

Dr. Wiley is not dreaming. The common actuarial table has it now twenty-one is likely to live to be steed in the G. O. P. team. over sixty, sixty-two and one-half, we believe, is the exact computation. Why not add on seven and a

It is largely a question for the individual to decide for himself. There is today a better knowledge fall is about due of how to live well than there ever was before. Living well-living rationally-is the result of longevity. A melancholy little man Prevention now is worth two pounds of cure. The people are being educated to realize that; so is the medical profession.

Hence, for instance, this truly twentieth century tendency to engage a physician, not to cure the ills of a family, but to keep the family in good condition all the year around, mostly through the agency of advice and suggestions. Pills and powders are fast going out of fashpowders are fast going out of fashion. It has taken the world about I cried: "What does your dwelling sixty centuries to understand that the stomach is of some importance as well as the soul, and that temperance, by which we mean the right and healthful way of eating and drinking, is as fundamental a factor in the happy and useful life

as piety. The doctor of 1907 knows more than did his predecessor of 1850. For one thing, he knows that he No!

does not know all. His very modesty is improving him. But even greater than this is his increase of rational action-his common sense -truly "saving" in many a case. And, in addition to medical progress philanthropy is to be considered; that widespread and everwaxing movement that has made possible our magnificent hospitals and medical schools.

Out of the mix-ups of diet squads and fodder shops and physical culture establishments is coming a lesson for all. It is the lesson of the rational life, which, in spite of marvelous exceptions in the shape of centenarians who have known John Barleycorn and "my Lady Nicotine" from childhood's reckless days, is the only life worth living.

Another New Year.

The Jews throughout the worldand it is one of the great historical facts that the Jews have established themselves even at the very outposts of civilization-celebrated yesterday the beginning of the 5668th year in their most ancient of all calendars. What a remarkable history these scattered people have had! Not only does it link the present with a past that preceded the rise of Athens and of Romenot only were the Jews great in war as well as in peace long before Europe began to be sown with the seeds of civilization-but also that 000 has been available more than a history has ever been fruitful in the direction of human progress.

> Today, in the Old World, the Jewish banker is the power behind more than one great throne. Here, in the United States, the Jew has made himself mighty in the worlds of commerce and finance. He is one of the most powerful and yet most conservative forces in the American metropolis-a city bound to become before the lapse of many years the metropolis of the globe. And here in the Nation's Capital the Jew is represented in the Cabinet of the of the lines that preserve and promote our general prosperity. His most salient characteristics-enterprise, industry, temperance, philanthropy, and love of home-are the same today as they have been for centuries past, a tremendous boon as well as an inspiring example to the world at large.

> "The year just past," says a report, "has been one of the most important in the history of the Jews. During the year great progress has been made by the Jewish charities, educational organizations, and the congregational life has been broadened out considerably. During the year federation has been the watchword, and the Greater Federation of unite all important charitable organizations under one head, has been organized."

A happy new year, indeed, to those who, through the exercise of charity-virtue's crown-are doing them happier!

The aeroplane sustains its character as the prize kingfisher.

Maybe Mr. Bryan is willing to wind himself destroying Taft for the benefit of the man who really gets the Demo cratic nomination.

ments are likely to be put to sleep.

Washington has one baseball consolaion-it is probably the only city in the American League not neglecting business to watch the scoreboards.

The members of the local automobile board want pay for their services. Maybe the Commissioners can give them repair privileges at some District machine shop.

All that glitters of diamonds is not actressy. The New York customs offithe Government Galen, that an aver- cers have just relieved two young men the burglar escaped. age span of life will soon be in fact of \$2,000 worth of sparklers. But we shall hear, sooner or later, of some lady of the stage who has failed in her duty.

horses to the fact that the latest third-term prediction comes from the Hon. that anyone who has lived to be Nathan Bay Scott, himself the nigh

The theaters are opening; the hasehall team is planning for next season; the straw hat is getting spongy; the tailor half years more and make it an has sent out his gentle reminders; the school door is opening wide; and the mistress of the household has discovered that she simply hasn't got a walking suit fit to be seen in. So we guess that

HEARTH-YEARNS.

Was seated on the ground; He showed supreme indifference To everything around. "Why do not you run home?" I cried. He looked at me Expressively, And presently he said:

"One rubber plant can never make a

lack?
The pretty hearth-side tone?
The note of domesticity?"
He gave a feerfful groan,
"Alas!" he sighed, while from his seat
He slowly upward bobbed,
And donned his hat,
"A flot's gat"

A flat's a flat!" Together then we sobbed:

"One rubber plant can never make a nome, One day did not suffice for building

Rome.
One gas-log and a cat
Can't civilize a flat;
No! Something more is needed for a
home."

—Naw York Times.

HITS "PAL" IN EYE PREVENTS HIM FROM DRINKING CORN CURE

Well Meaning Friend Spends Night in Lockup Because He Endeavored to Save Human Life Via Uppercut Route.



there was nothing to suggest that the case was one involving romance "Bad eye, that," commented the court

sympathetically. "How did you get it?"
"Well, you see, judge," began the comlainant, hesitatingly, and jerking his thumb over his shoulder at William Duff, a well-dressed young man of athletic appearance, who stood up against the prisoners' rail, listening attentively, "this man here is my friend and his father was my father's friend before our time and-well, your honor, I don't want to prosecute him. He hit me all right, but I forgive him. I'm willing to let bygones be bygones.'

And beyond adding that he and Duff had "had a little argument" in which he had been worsted when the defendant drove home an uppercut, Smith could not be induced to volunteer any further particulars as to the cause of the trouble. Finally the magistrate turned to the prisoner and requested to be enlightened as to the mystery.

Saved by a Punch.

"Your Honor," declared Duff earnest "I saved Smith's life by giving him that eye. He ought to be grateful to me for that punch, instead of having and me locked up."

Magistrate Kernochan, with a glance at the complainant's bandaged head, remarked that he didn't believe that he would be inclined to feel any particular gratitude for such an eye as Smith had just exhibited. "But," said he, "let's hear your story. Go on."
"Well, judge, I'll tell you the facts, if

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—As William Smith gingerly lifted a corner of the huge cotton bandage that swathed his brow and disclosed to the neeting gaze of Magistrate Kernochan in the West Side court, a swollen and discolored optic, which would have done justice to a pugilist who had taken the count,

"I was sitting in my room last night of the came in looking more mournful than ever. He sat down, and, pulling out a small bottle, said to me:

"Well, Bill, I'm going to take this. It's poison. I had to go to forty drug stores before I could get it. When you see me again I'll be cold in death."

"With that he raised the bottle toward his lips, and I jumped up and yelled:

Prevented Suicide.

"'No, you won't, either. You're too roung to die just yet,' and I banged him with all my might in his right eye and over he went. That's all there's to it, judge, and that's the truth. And when Smith came to he ran out and got a cop to arrest me."

The corplainant, who had begun to grin sheepishly when the defendant told



"DON'T BE SO RECKLESS."

of the bottle incident, being now questioned by the court as to whether he had tried to kill himself in the manner described, replied uneasily:
"No, Your Honor, I didn't. That was only a bottle of corn cure I had in my hand"

and."
Magistrate Kernochan was, however, favorably impressed with the unusual defense, and, as Smith had already professed his desire not to have the prisoner held, the judge set Duff at liberty, "And you'd better not be quite so reckless saving life in future," volunteered Bridge Policeman Lavan in an aside, as the defendant departed. Smith won't. Last week, you see, the

Woman Fights Burglar; Drives Him From Home

their full share to make all around Mrs. Stella West Has Hand-to-Hand Battle With Man Who Was Robbing Her Home. Chases Him Through Streets.

minutes yesterday Mrs. Stella E. West waged a hand-to-hand battle with a burblar in her rooms in the fashionable her arms about him and wound her arms about him, pinioning his arms Between "affinities" and "dementia waged a hand-to-hand battle with a bur-Americana" two of the ten command- glar in her rooms in the fashionable apartment house at 524 West 160th street.

down three flights of stairs and for six blocks through the city. Well-dressed

Finds Burgler in House.

On her return from a nearby store yesterday, Mrs. West found the door leading into the private hall of her apartments fastened with a chair that had been braced under the knob inside.

"Stop that man! He is a thief. He tried to murder me!"
But no one made the least move to help her. Every one hurriedly got out of the way.

Mrs. West, who had not seen a policeman in all her love run slowly returned. had been braced under the knob inside. She managed to push this out of way

he top of your head." cut my face, or he would have such Mrs. West fell back against the door ceeded."

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 .- For twenty and the man slightly lowered his arm.

Other tennants barred their doors and listened in terror to the sounds of the conflict.

When the burglar managed to free one of his hands he dealt Mrs. West a blow with a jimmy that laid her left cheek open almost from ear to chin. She struggled to her feet and chased him down three flights of stairs and for six

to his side.

"Now you be quiet or I will hurt you," said the heroic woman.

Then began a struggle which took them clear across the parior. Chairs and tables were overturned and a statue crashed to the floor. The other tenants heard the noise and guessed at the cause of it, but none was brave enough to go

Chase Through Streets.

The burglar started west in 116th men and women promenaders looked on street, with Mrs. West in full chase. agape at the spectacle, but made no Men and women stopped in their walk ve to help the intrepid woman, and as the man fled, waving his revolver and pursued by the woman, who screamed repeatedly.

man in all her long run, slowly returned to her home, where she was surroundnd enter.
She had reached the parlor door when band found her being attended by a

She had reached the parlor door when a young man in the blue serge suit confronted her and pointed a revolver at her head.

"Now, my good woman," he said, "you have returned a little too soon. I have not had time to take anything, and it you let me pass quietly I will not hurt you; but if you scream I will blow off the top of your head."

"Now, West fell hack, against the door.

"See West fell hack against the door. Ceeded."

This Afternoon's Concert AT WASHINGTON CIRCLE 7:30 P. M.

U. S. ENGINEER BAND Julius Kamper, Bandmaster

PROGRAM. March......Teike Overture......Auber Cornet duet "Two Little Bullfinches" Kling

Principal Wintermeyer and Corporal Hess. Selection.....Luders "The Star-Spangled Banner"

SPOOKS REFUSE TO SHOW FACES FOR VANDERBILTS

Former Medium's Stunning Gown Makes Impression in Court.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 10.—There was nothing in the line of producing "Little Bright Eyes," "Red Light," 'Anamala," or any other of the highclass inhabitants of the spirit world in the supreme court here today.

When May Cannell Pepper-Vanderbilt,

ew wife of the aged Brooklyn lumber merchant whose children are de-sirious of having him declared incompetent to maange his fortune of \$125,000, left the stand Friday, she had intimated that she might yet give a demnstration in the courtroom for the benefit of the commission, and the susband's sanity. Consequently ourtroom was packed when the fat donde medium took the stand today. But Mrs. Pepper-Vanderbilt did not deliver the goods." Instead she exlained to the attorneys for her hus-

plained to the attorneys for her husband's daughters that courtrooms were no place for spirit communication, and although several tests were suggested to her, she maintained her attitude and was upheld by the commission.

The star witness of the hearing was a trifle late in putting in an appearance, but when she did sweep, into the courtroom she had all of the spectators on the qui vive. Dressed in a stunning costume of blue trimmed with black and white, and with the latest in "pot lid" hats draped with sweeping ostrich plumes adorning her blonde hair, the whole setting off her decidedly plump figure to advantage, she made a distinct impression on several of the sheriff's jury panel as she settled herself comfortable in the wide armchair on the witness rostrum and prepared for her ordeal by sizing up counsel and jurors through gold-rimmed spectacles.

Declares She Loves Husband.

"Miss Darrell lied unqualifiedly when she said I went into Mr. Allen or anyone else's bedroom," emphatically declared Mrs. Vanderbilt, "Her statements on this stand were a complete tissue of falsehoods and terrible lies. In only one instance did she tell the truth. She said that I kissed a member of the church at the New Year's night celebration at our church. That was a joyous occasion and celebration and several of the members kissed me as their pastor, but there was nothing wrong in it."

Ready to Give Property Back.

"Great stress has been placed on my usband deeding certain property to me. If he wants it, or if you gentlemen desire it (here she smiled sweetly on the jury), I am ready, aye, and even willing to deed the property back to him

Several times during her denials of Miss Darnell's charges against her, Mrs. Pepper half rose to her feet and her emphatic voice could be heard a block away, above the rumble of the elevated train and the rattle of the electric cars.

GETS INSTRUCTIONS

Week to Study Conditions Abroad.

Complete instructions have been isued the special tariff commission, recently appointed by Secretary Cortelof the Treasury, and which will sail from New York city next Tuesday.

James B. Reynolds, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, having charge of all matters relating to customs, has the matters relating to customs, has been named as chairman. The tour of the commission is expected to last until arly in November.

M. E. DeVries, president of the general board of appraisers, of New York, and B. B. White, general appraiser, are the other members of the commission. They are all recognized as experts and

They are all recognized as experts, and it is believed that great good will result from their investigation of the conditions governing export market values and declarations to involces, in England, France, and Germany. France, and Germany.

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The recent concession granted German exporters, involving these questions in particular, and which have been criticized by certain members of Congress as tariff revision by indirection, nave brought forward other questions of even greater moment, and it is the desire of Secretary Cortelyou to be advised as to all practices abroad before taking the problems up for final solution.

POSTAL OFFICIALS HOME FROM WEST

First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock and Dr. John A. M. Holmes, private secretary to Postmaster General Meyer. have returned from a trip to the Middle West. They were present last week at the carriers' convention at Canton, Ohio, and also at the postoffice clerks' convention at Peoria, Ill. An official mission also took the party to Chicago.

Tr. Holmes said this morning that this had been a great year for polital conventions, and that the practice of holding such conventions was growing accided in the service.

holding such convention rapidly in the service.

Big Situations in "Ruth," But Play Lacks Finish

Fernanda Eliscu and Edwin Arden Please Columbia Audience.

Arthur Buchanan......George Bachus Margaret Buchanan, his wife, Miss Jeffreys Lewis Allan, their son......Edwin Arden

Allan, their son......Edwin Arden Helen, the daughter, Miss Eva Condon Ruth, Allan's wife....Fernanda Eliscu Della, servant at Buchanan's Alice Butler

Hankin, furnace nean
William Robert Daly
Dora, a young orphan,
"Little" Florence Burns

Prof. William Addison flurvey's adap-tation of Z. Libin's domestic drama, 'Ruth," presented as the opening attraction at the Columbia Theater last ight by Fernanda Elista, B. a capable supporting company, is a play of three big situations, but weak in the "knitting together" process. The theme is powerful, and while the public has seen in other productions something sim.—

Kathryn Furient and her stock the pany pleased a large audence at the Majestic Theater last night in the presentation of "Tennessee's Pardner," a drama of the hills and mining camps.

The plot deals with the visit of "Tenthe grouping is unique.

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Burns.

It was a disappointment to the friends of Miss Alice Butler to see her in the uncongenial role of Delia, an Irish servant. The part was unsympathetic, and was not handled with skill.

"Ruth" is handsomely mounted, and the production was free from those crudities which usually mark an early presentation of so ambitious an offering. The audience was highly enthustastic, and 'requently recalled the principals to the footlights.

Leaves New York Next KELLY AND ROSE DELIGHT AUDIENCES AT CHASE'S

> With Spenser Kelly and Frederick Rose in vocal numbers, and the Ryan-Richfield Company, Chase's polite Richfield Company, Chase's polite for their singing and dancing stunt, vaudeville presents a pleasing bill this Lulu Beeson, the champion buck dancer, week with honors going to the former was well received.

plaudits of the audience for their sing-ing, and were repeatedly encored. The Ryan-Ritchfield Company present a condensed comedy entitled, "Mag Hag-gerty's Reception." This skit serves only to give Mr. Ryan an opportunity to display his talent as an Irish comed-

Herbert Lloyd, in his burlesque on vaudeville, kept the audience convulsed with his antics. The bill opens with W. T. Wittle's ventriloquist act, one part of which could, with propriety, well be omitted.

well be ornitted.

Lillian Apal gives a pleasing planologue, followed by Brown, Harris, and Brown, whose act differs little from that of last year. Zeno, Jordan, and Zeno's feats on the swinging trapeze were well received. The vitagraph, showing a wild boar hunt, closes the bill.

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IN "TENNESSEE'S PARDNER"

sheriff's jury that is investigating her ilar to each of the three interse scenes, nessee," a mountain girl, to the camp the grouping is unique.

Unlike many of the so-called "red corpuscle" plays of the day, "Ruth" does not preach a pernicious moral, yet to the casual observer it might be construed as a philippic against truth when strued as a philippic against truth when the truth is unpleasant. The fact that Ruth, a woman with a past, who has been a story of love between "Tennestrum harmly married is finelly driven."

faulty parts. There are a number of minor questions that are left undeveloped.

Ruth, as portrayed by Miss Eliscu, is a tragic, compelling figure. She does not arouse the sympathy which one might expect, but rather the pity of ner auditors, a fortunate difference, from a moral standpoint. Miss Eliscu's big scene in the third act was portrayed with great masterfulness, though sine might have attained the same results with somewhat less fervor.

Edwin Arden was capital as Allan, the husband. His reading was with that sureness which one has become accustomed to expect from him, and he gave a thoroughly sympathetic portrayal of the contrite lover in the last scene. Miss Jeffreys Lewis, as the mother, was highly pleasing, while Miss Eva Condon was cast for the most disagreeable role of Helen, the uncompromising daughter. The role of Dora, a young orphan, was cleverly handled by little Miss Florence Burns.

It was a disappointment to the friends

pretty scenery.

"Merry Maidens" at Lyceum. The Lyceum this week presents two exceptionally good musical burlesques, 'The Heir to the Hoopla" and "At Coney Island," which were enthusiastically received by the two large audi-

ences yesterday. The chorus is one of unusual attractiveness and with good voices. The singing and dancing of Zoe Hollis and Patti Carney received the applause of the audience. Pattl Carney in a repertoire of songs made the hit of the evening. The Some Quartet, in the comedy act, "Breaking into Vaudeville," was clever, and the two Graces received applause for their singing and dancing stunt.

TREASURE SHIP FOUND BY HUMBLE FISHERMAN AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Sept. 10 .- Buried | board, except one, in the great storm of in the sands of Lake Erie off Van Bu-ren Point, six miles west of this place, Several vain a nets. This time it is the hulk of the big by private enterprise searching for the propeller Dean Richmond, which, laden Richmond's bores, for her cargo is with a rich cargo of copper and lead worth at least \$200,000 at today's marore, went down with every soul on ket prices for lead and copper ore.

Several vain attempts were made by one of the long-lost treasure ships has the underwriters to locate the Richbeen located by a fisherman lifting his mond and much money has been spent

AVALANCHE BURIES WAR BALLOON TEST TWENTY IN HOUSE

MILAN, Sept. 10.—Twenty people fied for refuge to a vacant hous: during a violent storm which raged near Reposolr, Switzerland, but an enormous avalanche started and swept down upon the house, burying it completely.

The house was crushed like an egg shell and all of the occupants were littled.

MERCY! HOW KIND.

"Are your neighbors obliging?"
"I should say so. They always let me use our telephone whenever I want to."—Milwaukee SentineL

ASSURES SUCCESS

LONDON, Sept. 10.—A successful test of the new British war balloon was made today at Farnborough, the experiments proving the worth of the airship, according to a telegram to the Exchange Telegraph Company from that town.

The ascension was made from the village common. The balloon circled over the common, and performed various other evolutions.

EXTREMES.

other evolutions.

"Doctor, my wife runs to extremes."
"How's that?" "She has a hot temper and cold feet."—Illustrated Bits.